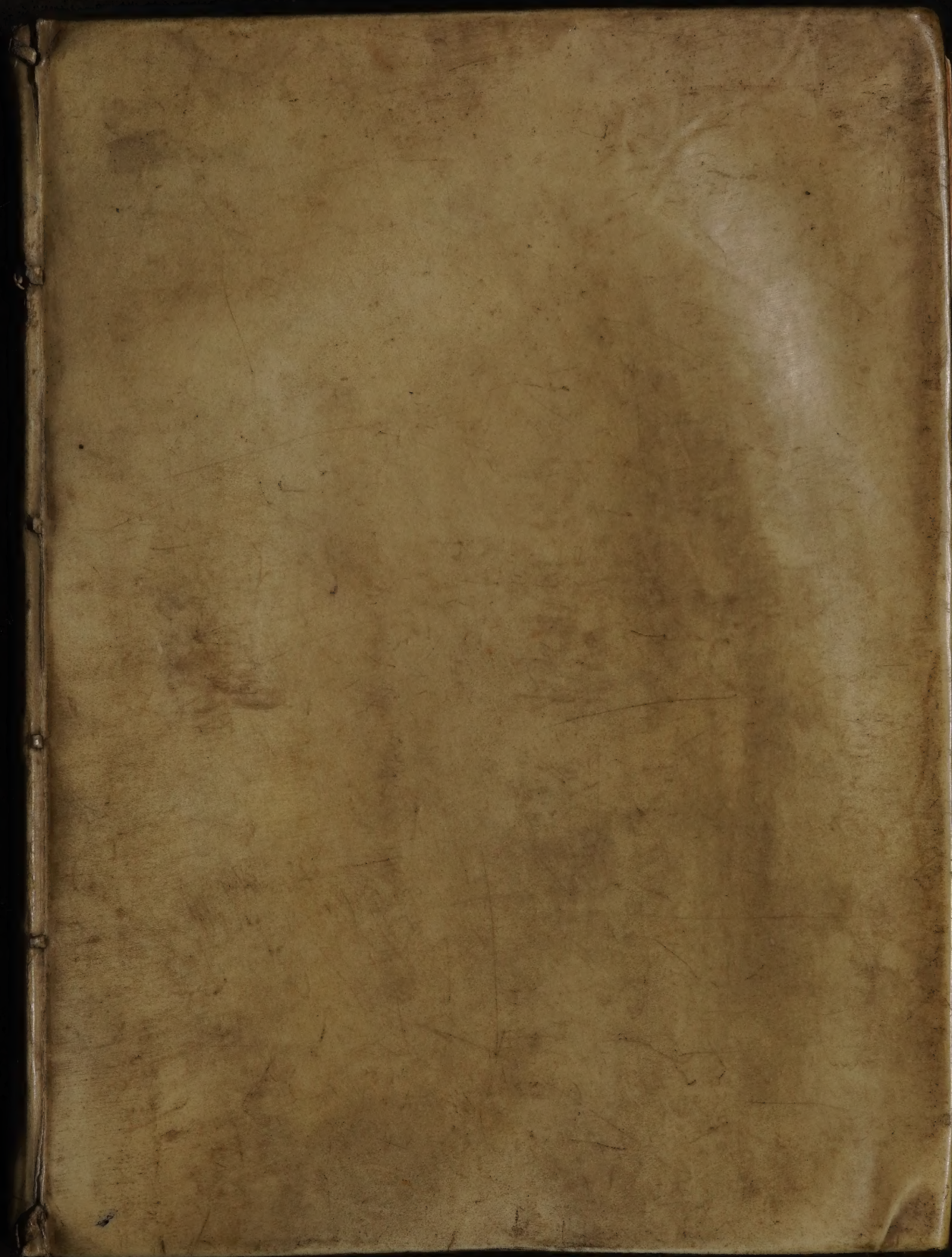






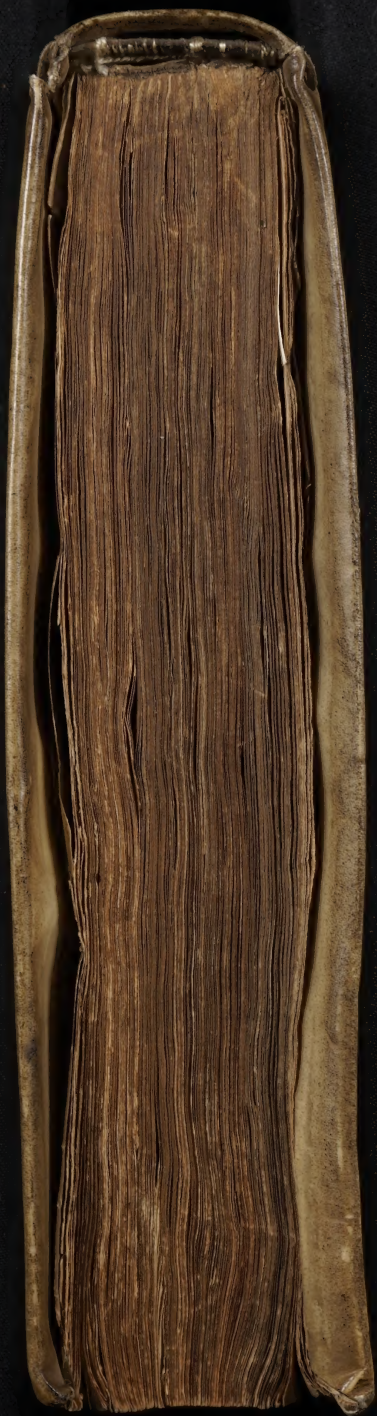
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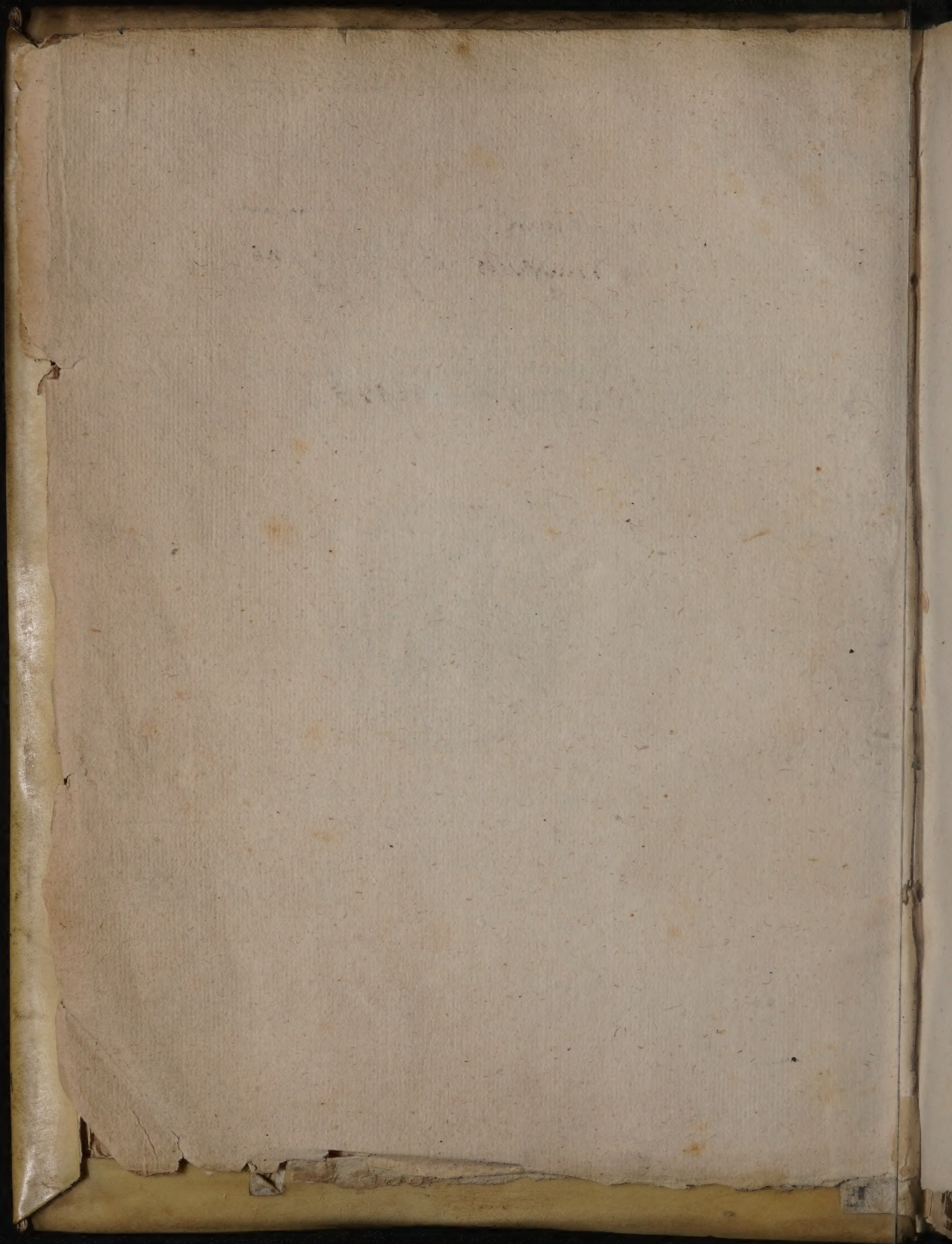
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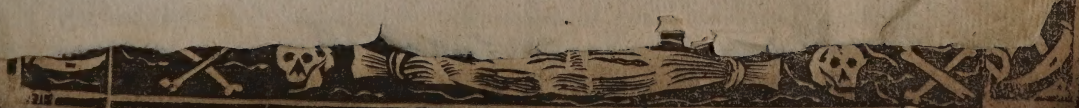
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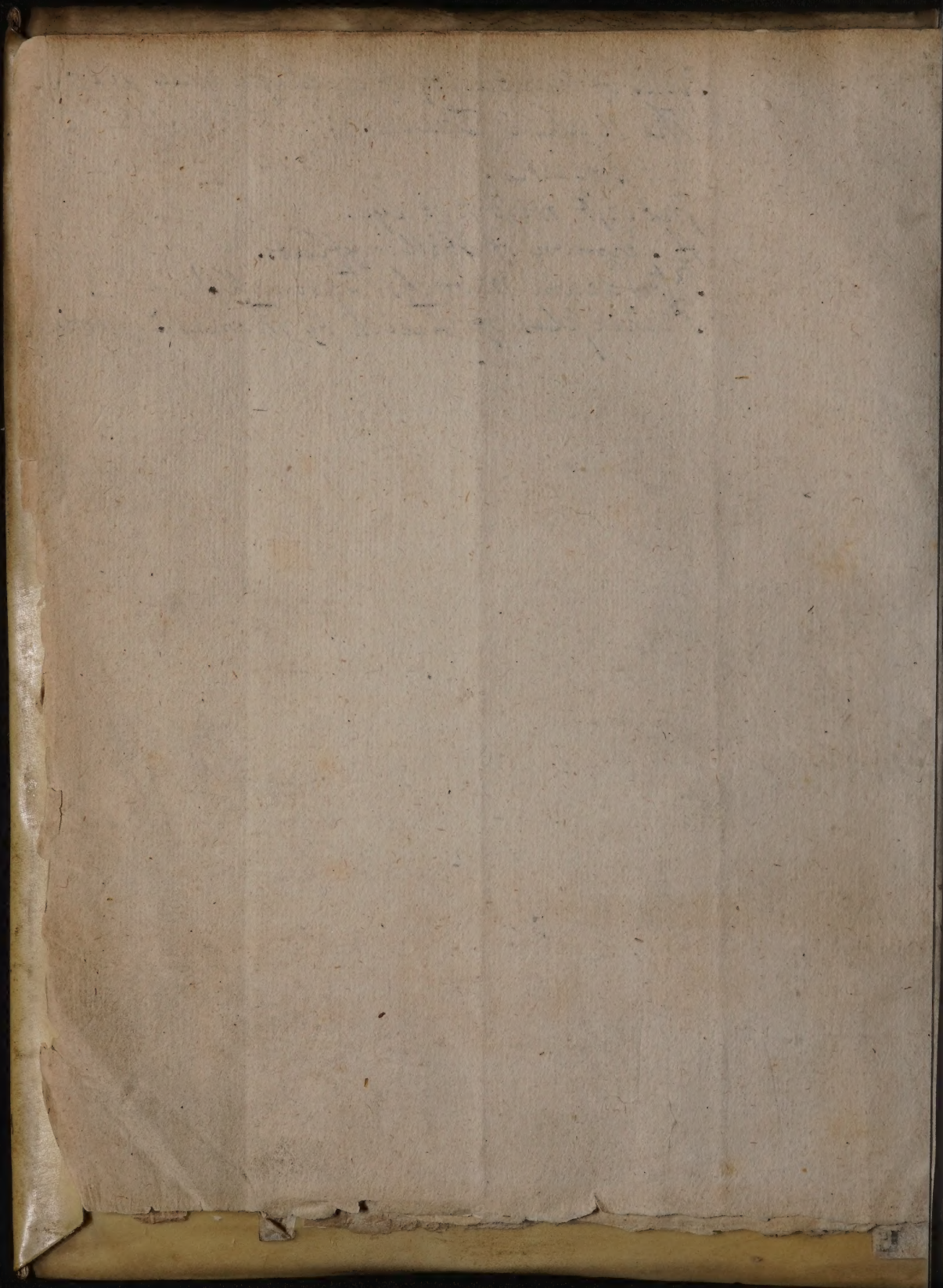
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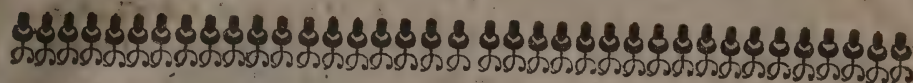
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The Principles of Faith, presented by Mr. Tho. Goodwin, Mr. Nye, Mr. Sydrach Simson, and other Ministers, to the Committee of Parliament for Religion, by way of explanation to the Proposals for propagating of the Gospel.



First, That the holy Scripture is that rule of knowing God, and living unto him, which who so doth not beleieve, but betakes himself to any other way of discovering truth, and the minde of God instead thereof, cannot be saved.

2 Thess. 2. 10, 11, 12. Because they received not the love of the Truth, that they might be saved; and for this cause God shall send them strong delusions, that they should beleieve a Lye; that they all might be damned, who beleieve not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness, vers. 13. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, Brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to Salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth, vers. 14. whereunto he called you by our Gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15. Therefore Brethren stand fast, and hold the traditions which yee have been taught, whether by word, or our Epistle.

1 Cor. 15. 1, 2, 3. Moreover, Brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel, which I preached unto you, which also you have received, and wherein yee stand.

By which also yee are saved; if yee keep in memory what I Preached unto you, unless yee have beleieved in vain.

For I delivered unto you first of all, that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures.

2 Cor. 1. 13. For we write none other things unto you then what you read, or acknowledge, and I trust you shall acknowledge even to the end, compared with Acts 26. 22, &c.

Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things then those which the Prophets, and Moses did say should come.

Joh. 5. 39. Search the Scriptures, for in them you think to have eternall life; compared with Psal. 147. 19. & 20. verses.

He shewed his Word unto Jacob, his Statutes and judgements unto Israel, hee hath not dealt so with any Nation; and as for his Judgements they have not known them.

And with John 4. 22 Ye worship yee know not what, wee know what wee worship; for Salvation is of the Jews.

2 Pet. 2. 1. But there were false Prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying



saying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction, compared with 2 Pet. 3. 1, 2. This second Epistle (beloved) I now write unto you, in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

That yee may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy Prophets, and of the Commandements of us the Apostles of the Lord and Saviour.

II. That there is a God, who is the Creator, Governour, and Judge of the World, which is to be received by faith, and every other way of the knowledge of him is insufficient, Heb. 11. 3.

Through faith we understand that the Worlds were framed by the Word of God; so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Ver. 6. But without faith it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God, must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Rom. 1. ver. 19. Because that which may be known of God, is manifested in them, for God hath shewed it to them.

Ver. 20. For the Invisible things of him from the Creation of the World are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

Ver. 21. Because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Ver. 22. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, compared with--

1 Cor. 1. 21. For after that, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishnesse of preaching to save them that believe.

2 Thes. 1. 8. To render vengeance on them that knew not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. That this God who is the Creator, is eternally distinct from all the Creatures of his being, and blessedness.

Rom. 1. v. 18. For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness, and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness:

Ver. 25. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more then the Creator, who is blessed for ever, Amen.

1 Cor. 8 v. 5. For though there be that are called Gods, whether in heaven, or earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many.)

Ver. 6. But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things; and we in him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

IV. That this God is one in three Persons, or subsistences.

1 Joh. 5. 5. Who is this that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God.

Ver. 6. This is he that came by Water and Bloud, even Jesus Christ, not by water only, but by water and bloud, and it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

Ver. 7. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Ver. 8. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, the Water, and the Bloud, and these three agree in one.





Ver. 9. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater, for this is the witness of God, which he hath testified of his Son. Compared with *Joh. 8. 17.*

It is also written in your Law, that the testimony of two men is true.

Verf. 18. I am one that bear witness of my self, and the father that sent me, beareth witness of me.

Verf. 19. Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Yee neither know me, nor my Father, if yee had known me, yee should have known my Father also.

Ver. 21. Then said Jesus unto them, Yee shall dye in your sins.

Mat. 28. 19. Go yee therefore, and teach all Nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Compared with *Ephesians*

4. 4. There is one body, and one spirit, even as yee are called in one hope of your calling.

Ver. 5. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

Ver. 6. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1 *Joh. 2. 22.* Who is a lyer, but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? he is Antichrist that denieth the Father, and the Son.

Verf. 23. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father; but he that acknowledgeth the Son, hath the Father also.

2 *Epist. Ioh. ver. 9.* Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the Doctrine of Christ, hath not God, he that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father, and the Son.

Ver. 10. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed.

V. That Jesus Christ is the only Mediator between God and man, without the knowledge of whom there is no salvation.

1 *Tim. 2. 4.* Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Verf. 5. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Ver. 6. Who gave himself a ranfome for all, to be testified in due time.

2 *Tim. 3. 15.* And that from a childe thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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*Acts 4. 10.* Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, That by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom yee crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Verf. 12. Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

1 *Cor. 3. 10.* According to the grace of God which is given unto mee, as a wise Master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereupon. But let every one take heed how he buildeth thereupon.



Verf. 11. For other foundation can no man lay, then that is laid, which is *Jesus Christ*.

VI. That this *Jesus Christ* is the true God, *1 Joh. 5. 29.* And wee know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an *understanding*, that we may know him that is true. And we are in him that is true, even in his Son *Jesus Christ*. This is the true God, and eternal life.

*Isa. 45. 21.* There is no God else besides me, a just God and Saviour, there is none beside me.

Verf. 22. Look unto me, and be ye saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else.

23. I have sworn by my self, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

24. Surely shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength, even to him shall men come, and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25. In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory, which the Apostle applies unto Christ, *Rom. 14. 11, 12.* and *Philip. 2. 6.* to the 12.

VII. That this *Jesus Christ* is also true man, *1 Joh. 4. 2.* Hereby know ye the Spirit of God; every spirit that confesseth that *Jesus Christ is come in the flesh*, is of God.

Verf. 3. And every spirit that confesseth not that *Jesus Christ is come in the flesh*, is not of God. And this is that spirit of Antichrist.

2 Joh. 7. For many deceivers are entred into the world, who confesse not that *Jesus Christ is come in the flesh*. This is a Deceiver, and an Antichrist.

VIII. That this *Jesus Christ* is God and Man in one Person, *1 Tim. 3. 16.* and without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness. God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of Angels, preached unto the Gentiles, beleevd on in the World, received up into glory.

*Math. 16. 13.* Jesus asked his Disciples, saying, whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

Verf. 14. They said, some say thou art *John the Baptist*. &c.

Verf. 15. But whom say yee that I am?

Verf. 16. *Simon Peter* answered, Thou art Christ the Son of the living God.

Verf. 17. Jesus said unto him, Blessed art thou, *Simon Bar-Jona*, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Verf. 18. And I say unto thee, Thou art *Peter*, and upon this Rock I will build my Church, and the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

IX That this *Jesus Christ* is our Redeemer, who by paying a Ransome, and bearing our sins, hath made satisfaction for them.

*Isa. 53. 11.* By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many, for he shall bear their iniquities, compared with

*1 Pet. 2. 24.* Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that wee being dead to sin, should live to righteousness, by whose stripes yee were healed.

25. For yee were as sheep going astray, but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.



**1 Cor. 15. 2.** By which also you are saved, if you keep in memory what I preached unto you, *unlesse ye have believed in vain.*

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**Vers. 6.** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, **1 Cor. 6. 20.** Yee are bought with a price.

**X.** That this same Lord Jesus Christ is hee that was Crucified at Jerusalem, and rose again, and ascended into heaven.

**Ioh. 8. 24.** I said therefore unto you, that ye shall dye in your sins; for if ye beleve not that I am he, ye shall dye in your sins.

**Act. 4. 10.** Be that known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

**Vers. 11.** This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

**Vers. 12.** Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**Act. 10. 38.** How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost, and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil, for God was with him.

**Vers. 39.** And we are witnesses of all things which he did, both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they slew and hanged on a tree.

**Vers. 40.** Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly.

**Vers. 41.** Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God; even to us who did eat and drink with him, after he rose from the dead.

**Vers. 42.** And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he, who was ordained of God, to be the Judge of quick and dead.

**Vers. 43.** To him give all the Prophets witness that through his Name, whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

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**Vers. 3.** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ dyed for our sins, according to the Scriptures.

**Vers. 4.** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures.

**Vers. 5.** And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the Twelve.

**Vers. 6.** After that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

**Vers. 7.** After that he was seen of James, then of all the Apostles.

**Vers. 8.** And last of all he was seen of me also.



**Act. 23. 8.** Who art thou Lord? and he said, I am Jesus of Nazareth.

**Act. 2. 36.** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ. **Vers. 37.** Now when they heard this they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter, and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and Brethren, What shall wee do? **Vers. 38.** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**XI.** That this same Jesus Christ, being the onely God and Man in one Person, remains for ever a distinct Person from all Saints and Angels, notwithstanding their union and communion with him.

**Col. 2. 8.** Beware lest any man spoyl you, through Philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

**Vers. 9.** For in him dwelleth all the fulnesse of the God-head bodily.

**Vers. 10.** And ye are compleat in him, which is the head of all Principality and Power. **Vers. 19.** And not holding the head, from which all the body by joynts and bands, having nourishment ministred, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

**1 Tim. 3. 16.** God manifested in the flesh, beleaved on in the world.

**XII.** That all men by nature are dead in trespasses and sins, and no man can be saved unless he be born again, repent, and beleve, **Ioh. 3. 3.** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdome of God. **Vers. 5. 6. 7.** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdome of God; That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. **Vers. 10.** Jesus answered, and said unto him, Art thou a Master in Israel, and knowest not these things?

**Act. 17. 30. 31.** And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men every where to repent, because he hath appointed a day wherein hee will judge the world in righteousness.

**Act. 26. 17. 18. 19. 20.** Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom I now send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darknesse to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me. Whereupon I was not disobedient to the heavenly Vision, but shewed first to them at *Damascus*, and at *Ierusalem*, and throughout all the coasts of *Iudea*, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance, **Luke 24. 47.** that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his Name among all Nations.

**Act. 20. 20. 21.** I have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and Greeks repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ioh. 5. 24. 25.** Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and beleeveth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live.



**XIII.** That we are justified and saved by grace, and faith in Iesus Christ, and not by works.

*Acts 15. 24.* For as much as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls; saying, *Ye must be circumcised, and keep the Law*, compared with *Gal. 1. 6, 7, 8, 9.* *I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ, unto another Gospel which is not another; but there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the Gospel of Christ; but though we, or an Angel from heaven preach another Gospel unto you, then that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.* As wee said before, so say I now again, *If any man preach any other Gospel unto you, then that ye have received, let him be accursed,* *Gal 5.*

*Ver. 2. 4, 5.* Behold, I *Paul* say unto you, that if yee be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing; Christ is become of none effect to you, whosoever of you are justified by the Law, ye are fallen from grace, for we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. *Rom. 9. v. 3, 1, 3, 2, 33.* But *Israel*, which followed after the Law of righteousness, hath not attained to the Law of righteousness, wherefore? because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the Law; for they stumbled at that stumbling stone; As it is written, Behold I lay in Sion a stumbling stone and rock of offence, and whosoever beleeveth on him shall not be ashamed, compared with *Rom. 10. v. 3, 4.* For they being ignorant of Gods righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God, for Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness for every one that beleeveth

*Rom. 1. 16, 17.* I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that beleeveth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, *The just shall live by faith*, compared with *Gal. 3. 11.* But that no man is justified by the Law in the sight of God, it is evident; for, *the just shall live by faith.*

*Eph. 2. 8, 9, 10.* For by grace ye are saved through faith, and that not of your selves, it is the gift of God, not of works, least any man should boast; for we are his workmanship created in Christ Iesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**XIV.** That to continue in any known sin, upon what pretence or principle soever, is damnable.

*Rom. 1. 32.* Who knowing the Judgement of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not onely to do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

*Rom. 6. v. 1, 2.* What shall we say then? shall wee continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid; How shall wee, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? compared with vers 15. and 16. What then? shall wee sin, because wee are not under the Law, but under Grace? God forbid. Know yee not, that to whom yee yeeld your selves servants to obey, his servants yee are to whom yee obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

*1 Iohn 1. 6, 8.* If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lye, and do not the truth. *If we say we have no sin, We deceive our selves, and the truth is not in us.*

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Chap. 3 ver. 3. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure. Vers. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the Law, for sin is a transgression of the Law, And yee know that hee was manifested to take away our sins, and in him is no sin; whosoever abideth in him sinneth not. Whosoever sinneth, hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you; he that doth righteousness is righteous; he that committeth sin is of the Devil, for the Devil sinneth from the beginning, for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the Devil.

2 Pet. 2. 19, 20. While they promise them liberty they themselves are the servants of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world, through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again intangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them then the beginning.

Rom. 8. 13. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall dye, but if ye mortifie the deeds of the flesh by the Spirit, ye shall live.

XV. That God is to be worshipped according to his own will, and whosoever shall forsake and dispise all the duties of his worship, cannot be saved.

Jer. 10. 15. Poure out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not upon thy name, for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, &c.

Psal. 14. 4. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the Lord.

Jude verse 18, 19, 20, 21. How they told you there should be mockers in the last times, shall walk after their owne ungodly lusts, these be they who separate themselves, sensuall, not having the Spirit. But yee beloved, building up your selves in your most holy faith, praying in the holy Ghost, keep your selves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Rom. 10. 13. For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved.

XVI. That the dead shal rise, and that there is a day of judgement wherein all shal appear, some to goe into everlasting life, and some into everlasting condemnation.

1 Tim. 1. 19, 20. Holding faith and a good conscience, which some having put away, concerning faith have made shipwrack; of whom is *Himeneus* and *Alexander* whom I have delivered to Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme, compared with 2 Tim. 2. 17, 18. And their word will eat as doth a canker, of whom is *Hymeneus* and *Phileus*, who concerning the faith have erred, saying, That the Resurrection is past already, and overthrow the faith of some, Act. 17. 30, 31. And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men every where to repent, because he hath appointed a day wherein he will judge the world in righteousness.

John 5. 28, 29. All that are in the grave shall hear his voyce, and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation; compared with 1 Cor. 15. 19. If in this life onely wee have hope in Christ, wee are of all men most miserable.

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